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Ramapo College Awarded Military Friendly Schools® Title for Second Year
Recognized for recruitment, retention of students with military experience

(MAHWAH, NJ)-Victory Media, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Ramapo College to its Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Ramapo College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Director for *G.I. Jobs* and vice president at Victory Media. "As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

The Complete survey methodology is available at <http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit> The Military Friendly Schools® website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com, features the list, interactive tools, and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. Ramapo College is among the 1,739 colleges, universities, and trade schools on this year's list that exhibits leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

"We are gratified by this recognition as everyone at Ramapo College understands the wisdom of recruiting students with military service and the need to honor that service," said President Peter P. Mercer. "These students enrich our community and bring real-world experience, a hallmark of a Ramapo education, into our classrooms."

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey tabulation process, methodology and weightings that comprise the 2013 list were independently verified by Ernst and Young LLP. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/board.

A full story and detailed list of 2013 Military Friendly Schools® will be highlighted in the annual *G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools®* and distributed in print and

digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.